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West Bay Club Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

BAYFIELD, WI –The Apostle Islands National Lakeshore is pleased to announce that the historic West Bay Club has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The West Bay Club is a rustic timber lodge completed in 1913, and located on Sand Island. Sand Island is part of Apostle Islands National Lakeshore and located in Bayfield County. Built as a recreational property in the rustic architectural style, the West Bay Club is an example of the work of St. Paul, Minnesota master architects Charles Buechner and Henry Orth.

The West Bay Club appears to be the firm's only commission for a rustic-style "hunting lodge." The West Bay Club retains unusually high levels of integrity and is little changed from when it was built over 100 years ago. It has never been modernized, significantly modified, or threatened by development. Rare for a waterfront property, its lakeshore setting is still secluded and its view-shed largely unchanged.

The property is owned by the National Park Service and is currently held under a life lease by the Peters family of Mellen, Wisconsin. The national register nomination was funded by the Apostle Islands Historic Preservation Conservancy on behalf of the Peters family, and was conducted in cooperation with the National Park Service.

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